

3 Atkins Drive, Romaine

This fact sheet provides information about a proposal to deliver social and affordable housing at 3 Atkins Drive, Romaine.

What is proposed for the site?

There is high demand for social and affordable housing with many Tasmanians in need of assistance.

3 Atkins Drive, Romaine, is well-located land that presents a significant opportunity to address the pressing need for housing in the community.

Homes Tasmania is responsible for delivering social and affordable housing options throughout Tasmania. We are preparing the site for future development and have drafted a proposal for the site.

What is proposed for the site?

To help meet housing demand, Homes Tasmania is delivering more medium-density development to deliver more homes that are affordable and provide contemporary living options.

The proposal includes 18 two-storey, two-bedroom units. These are a mix of social housing and affordable rental units.

The units will be designed for comfort, safety and accessibility, catering to people of all ages and abilities.

The units will be built to silver level of the Livable Housing Design Guidelines under the National Construction Code (<https://ncc.abcb.gov.au/resource/standard/livable-housing-design-standard>). They will have high energy-efficiency, achieving a 7-star energy rating, so the units would require less heating and cooling, helping to reduce both energy costs and environmental impact.

The proposal can be seen at the end of this fact sheet.

What is social and affordable housing?

The proposed development will provide a mix of social and affordable rental homes for Tasmanians.

Social housing is provided by the government (public housing) and non-government organisations (community housing), with rent generally set around 25 per cent of income plus Commonwealth Rent Assistance where applicable.

Affordable rentals provide rents set below median market value.

When will construction begin?

A development application is being prepared for lodgement with the Burnie City Council in mid 2025.

Homes Tasmania prepares projects so they are shovel-ready, including developing concept plans, progressing rezoning where required, and obtaining planning approvals. This is so we can begin work as soon as funding becomes available.

Subject to Council and funding approvals, construction will begin when a building contract is in place.

Who will manage the units once complete?

The development will be managed by one of Tasmania's community housing providers.

Proposed site plan



How can I have my say?

If you would like more information, or would like to provide feedback on the proposal, please email HousingProjects@homes.tas.gov.au

Homes Tasmania expects the development application will be advertised for public consultation by the Burnie City Council:

www.burnie.tas.gov.au/Development/Planning/Permit-applications-on-exhibition

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